

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims pending

- At time of the Action: Claims 28-35.
- After this Response: Claims 28-44.

Canceled or Withdrawn claims: 1-27 (cancelled previously).

Amended claims: 28 and 31.

New claims: 36-44.

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1-27. (cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) A selective call forwarding system, comprising:

(a) a telephone system configured to receive at least one call made from one of a plurality of caller telephone numbers to a subscriber telephone number, and to selectively forward the call to a one of a plurality of forwarding telephone numbers, wherein different ones of the forwarding telephone numbers are associated with respective caller telephone numbers and are also associated with the subscriber telephone number, and wherein the telephone system is for providing an indication, to a caller placing the call, that the call is being forwarded to the forwarding telephone number; and

(b) a programmable telephone number table containing at least the subscriber telephone number and associating therewith the plurality of caller telephone numbers, and further associating with different ones of the caller telephone numbers different respective forwarding telephone numbers, and wherein the programmable telephone number table is in communication with the telephone system and can be edited by a user of the system via a website.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28 wherein the website resides on the Internet.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28 wherein access to the programmable telephone number table via the website is restricted.

31. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a first call made to a subscriber telephone number from a first caller telephone number;

determining whether the first caller telephone number is one of a plurality of caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number;

forwarding the first call to a first forwarding telephone number associated with the first caller telephone number;

providing an indication, to the first caller, that the first call is being forwarded to the first forwarding telephone number;

receiving at least a second call made to the subscriber telephone number from at least a second caller telephone number;

determining whether the second caller telephone number is one of the plurality of caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number; ~~and~~

forwarding the second call to a second forwarding telephone number associated with the second caller telephone number; and

providing an indication, to the second caller, that the second call is being forwarded to the second forwarding telephone number.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising determining whether the first forwarding telephone number is associated with a wireless telephone, and wherein forwarding the first call to the first forwarding telephone number is performed in response to determining that the wireless telephone is in an on-state.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising associating the subscriber telephone number with a subscriber to a selective call forwarding service, and further comprising enabling the subscriber to configure a programmable telephone number table to:

associate a plurality of caller telephone numbers with the subscriber telephone number, and

associate with each of the caller telephone numbers at least one respective forwarding telephone number.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein determining whether the first caller telephone number is one of a plurality of caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number includes accessing a programmable telephone number table containing at least the subscriber telephone number and associating therewith the plurality of caller telephone numbers, and further associating with each of the caller telephone numbers at least one respective forwarding telephone number.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein determining whether the second caller telephone number is one of a plurality of caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number includes accessing a programmable telephone number table containing at least the subscriber telephone number and associating therewith the plurality of caller telephone numbers, and further associating with each of the caller telephone numbers at least one respective forwarding telephone number.

36. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is an audible voice notification.

37. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is an audible tone.

38. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is a lamp.

39. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing an audible voice notification.

40. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing an audible tone.

41. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing the indication using a lamp.

42. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing an audible voice notification.

43. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing an audible tone.

44. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing the indication using a lamp.